

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) as set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) A landscaping channel liner apparatus comprising:
  - a longitudinally-extending trough having a longitudinally-extending floor located between opposed longitudinally-extending sidewalls extending therefrom, and having first and second opposed transverse open ends formed from the floor and sidewalls;
  - wherein each of the sidewalls defines a longitudinally-extending edge located opposite the longitudinally-extending floor; [[and]]
  - a longitudinally-extending receptacle located on each longitudinally-extending edge, each receptacle having first and second transverse open ends;
  - wherein each of the longitudinally-extending sidewalls and floor extend longitudinally beyond the first transverse open end of each of the longitudinally-extending receptacles; [[and]]
  - wherein the first transverse open end of ~~each of the one~~ longitudinally-extending ~~receptacles~~ receptacle faces the ~~first~~second transverse open end of ~~[[the]]~~ another longitudinally-extending ~~trough~~ receptacle ~~[[.]]; and~~
  - wherein the first transverse open end of one longitudinally-extending receptacle mates with the second transverse open end of the other longitudinally-extending receptacles, and the longitudinally-extending receptacles are essentially flush with each other.

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3. (Original) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim 2, further comprising first and second connectors, wherein the first connector is partially fitted in the first transverse open end of the first longitudinally-extending receptacle and wherein the second connector is partially fitted in the other of the longitudinally-extending receptacles through its first transverse open end.

4. (Original) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim 3, wherein a portion of the first connector extends from the first transverse open end of one of the longitudinally-extending receptacles and is fitted into the second transverse open end of one of the longitudinally-extending receptacles of a second landscaping channel liner apparatus, and wherein a portion of the second connector extends from the first transverse open end of the other of the longitudinally-extending receptacles and is fitted into the other second transverse open end of the other of the longitudinally-extending receptacles of the second landscaping channel liner apparatus.

5. (Original) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim 4, wherein the second transverse open end of the second landscaping channel liner apparatus is at least partially encompassed by a portion of the landscaping channel liner apparatus at the first transverse open end.

6. (Original) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim 4, further comprising spikes that extend from at least one of the sidewalls.

7. (Original) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim 3, wherein the first and second connector's interference fit in their respective longitudinally-extending receptacles.

8. (Currently Amended) A landscaping channel liner apparatus comprising:  
  
a longitudinally-extending trough having a longitudinally-extending floor located between opposed longitudinally-extending sidewalls extending therefrom, and having first and second opposed transverse open ends formed from the floor and sidewalls;  
  
wherein each of the sidewalls defines a longitudinally-extending edge located opposite the longitudinally-extending floor;  
  
a receptacle located on each of the longitudinally-extending edges;[[and]]

a connector engaged with the receptacle, extending therefrom, and spaced apart from and positioned substantially parallel to the longitudinally-extending edge[[.]]; and a selectively removable portion configured to receive a post.

9. (Original) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim 8, wherein a receptacle from a second landscaping channel liner apparatus engages the connector by fitting between the longitudinally-extending edge and the connector.

10. (Currently Amended) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the floor of ~~the~~a second landscaping channel liner apparatus overlaps a portion of the floor of the landscaping channel liner apparatus.

11. (Previously Presented) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the floor comprises removable portions.

12. (Original) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the removable portions are perforated segments.

13. (Original) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the connector interference fits in the receptacle.

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15. (Currently Amended) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim [[14]]8, wherein the selectively removable portion is defined by at least one perforated seam.

16. (Currently Amended) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim [[14]]8, wherein the selectively removable portion is a plurality of selectively removable portions.

17. (Original) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim 16, wherein the

plurality of selectively removable portions are each defined by at least one perforated seam.

18. (Previously Presented) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim 16, wherein the plurality of selectively removable portions share a common perforated seam.

19. (New) Claim 8, wherein the selectively removable portion comprises a seam extending therefrom to the periphery of the longitudinally-extending floor.